



# Common Origination and Disbursement COD Processing Update

## For Pell Grants

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April 7, 2006

### *Pell Grants*

#### COD News

**NEW!**

#### **2005-2006 Pell Grant Deobligation Due To Verification Status "W" (04/07/06)**

On April 5, 2006, the COD System deobligated 2005-2006 Award Year Pell Grant disbursements that did not have a verification status updated from "W" to a valid status of "V", "S", or "Blank". As noted in the warning message that we sent to affected schools on March 8, 2006, these disbursements were considered overawards and reduced to a zero dollar amount (\$0.00), even though the disbursements were previously accepted in the COD System. This deobligation affected Pell Grant disbursements at approximately 400 schools.

A school affected by the April 5, 2006 deobligation will:

- Receive a PGTX (PGTX06OP message class) file in the school's SAIG mailboxes indicating the number of students and total amount of the decrease;
- Receive a system-generated negative disbursement file (COMRECOP message class/ND document type);
- Receive a new Electronic Statement of Account (ESOA) that reflects the decrease; and
- See a change in the school's Current Funding Level (CFL) that reflects the deobligated disbursements.

**Note:** This deobligation process will not affect a school that did not have students with a verification status of "W" on April 5, 2006.

If verification has been completed as required or is not required and a school believes a student's 2005-2006 disbursement should not have been reduced to zero, the school must complete the following steps in this order:

1. The school must send an update to the verification status of the award, and the COD System must accept the update.
2. Once the verification status is updated to "V", "S", or "Blank", the school may submit the actual disbursement (DRI = true) for the correct amount to the COD System for processing.

**Note:** Schools can perform steps 1 and 2 in the same submission to the COD System if reported in the same student record.

If the verification status for a student's award continues to be "W", do **not** resubmit the disbursement to the COD System. If the disbursement is resubmitted, the COD System will reject it.



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If you have any questions regarding the deobligation of disbursements due to verification status "W," contact the COD School Relations Center at 800/4PGRANT. You may also e-mail [CODSupport@acs-inc.com](mailto:CODSupport@acs-inc.com).

### **EDEExpress For Windows 2006-2007, Release 2.0 Available For Download (04/04/06)**

The Department of Education has announced the posting of EDEExpress for Windows 2006-2007, Release 2.0, on the Department's Federal Student Aid Download (FSAdownload) Web site, located at <http://fsadownload.ed.gov>. This release adds Pell and Direct Loan processing functionality for the 2006-2007 cycle. The complete announcement regarding Release 2.0 is available on the IFAP Web site (<http://www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/0403EDEExpress0607R2.html>).

### **Hurricane Information (09/14/05)**

FSA has established a link on the IFAP Web site, <http://www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/katrina.html>, as a central location for posting up-to-date hurricane information and guidance. Click on this link regularly for updates related to the impact of recent hurricanes on students, parents, borrowers, colleges and universities, and financial institutions that participate in the Federal higher education student assistance programs.

## **Reports And Data Requests**

### **NOTICES**

This section contains important notices regarding reports and/or data requests. While we encourage you to review this section, note that some schools may not be impacted by the information presented below.

- Pell Year-to-Date (YTD) Records—

The YTD Record can be used to assist a school with its year-end and ongoing reconciliation processes. Schools also use the YTD Record for the purpose of rebuilding a complete student record or Pell Grant database.

- For rebuilds for the 2005-2006 Award Year, the school can submit the data request via the COD Web site or batch.
- For rebuilds for the 2004-2005 and earlier award years, the school must contact the COD School Relations Center by e-mail to [CODSupport@acs-inc.com](mailto:CODSupport@acs-inc.com). The school should include "Pell YTD" in the subject line. If a school is unable to e-mail its request, it can contact the COD School Relations Center by phone. [10/03/05 (Updated 10/27/05)]